



# OUR FRIEND

## The United States Mint Medals of Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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FDR:  
Champion of Hope  
&  
War Leader

32<sup>nd</sup> President of the  
United States



# **Nellie Tayloe Ross, Political Pioneer:**

First female governor,  
first female and longest  
serving Director of the  
United States Mint





## WOMAN DIRECTS MONEY MAKING

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Mrs. Nellie Tayloe Ross,  
first U. S. lady Governor,  
is appointed by Roosevelt  
as Director of the Mint

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*Fox Movietone News*



# **John Ray Sinnock, Master Medalist:**

**Eighth Chief Engraver  
of  
The United States Mint**





# **The List Medals:**

**FDR's  
Presidential  
Series**



# Not These:

## The Inaugural Medals

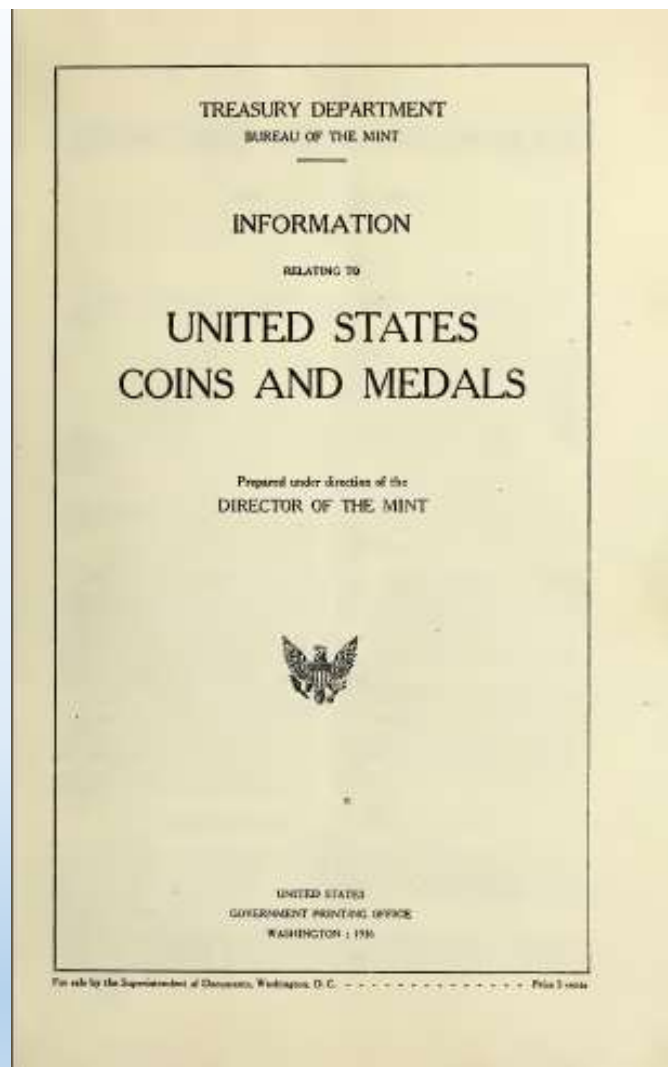
1933

1937

1941

1945





UNITED STATES COINS AND MEDALS 5

"CC" for Carson City, Nev., coinage discontinued in 1893; "D" for Dahlonega, Ga., discontinued in 1861, and for Denver, Colo., since 1906; "O" for New Orleans, La., where coinage ceased in 1909; and "S" for San Francisco, Calif.

**MEDALS**

Medals are made and are for sale at the United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

The prices given in this circular are for delivery over the counter. If the medals are to be sent by registered or ordinary mail or express, the charge for this service must be paid by the purchaser in advance.

If the remittance does not include postage or express charges, the package will be sent by express, "Charges collect", at the risk of the purchaser.

Remittances must accompany all orders, and should be in cash or post-office money order. Personal checks will not be accepted. Make all orders payable to the "Superintendent of the Mint", United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

A list of medals of national character which can be supplied on order, with the prices thereof, will be found on the following pages.

The presidential medals were formerly called "Indian peace medals", from the practice of the War Department in giving them as a friendly peace offering to Indians.

**PRICE LIST OF MEDALS**

(The size (diameter) of the medals is expressed by number, each of which indicates the diameter part of an inch.)

**PRESIDENTIAL**

No.	Name	Price	Size	Designer
1	Washington	\$1.00	48	Engraving
2	John Adams	1.00	48	Engraving
3	Thomas Jefferson	1.00	48	Engraving
4	James Madison	1.00	48	Engraving
5	James Monroe	1.00	48	Engraving
6	John Q. Adams	1.00	48	Engraving
7	Andrew Jackson	1.00	48	Engraving
8	Martin Van Buren	1.00	48	Engraving
9	William Henry Harrison	1.00	48	Engraving
10	John Tyler	1.00	48	Engraving
11	James K. Polk	1.00	48	Engraving
12	Zachary Taylor	1.00	48	Engraving
13	Millard Fillmore	1.00	48	Engraving
14	Franklin Pierce	1.00	48	Engraving
15	James Buchanan	1.00	48	Engraving
16	Abraham Lincoln	1.00	48	Engraving
17	Andrew Johnson	1.00	48	Engraving
18	Ulysses S. Grant	1.00	48	Engraving
19	Rutherford B. Hayes	1.00	48	Engraving
20	James A. Garfield	1.00	48	Engraving
21	Chester A. Arthur	1.00	48	Engraving
22	Grover Cleveland	1.00	48	Engraving
23	Benjamin Harrison	1.00	48	Engraving
24	William McKinley	1.00	48	Engraving
25	Theodore Roosevelt	1.00	48	Engraving
26	William H. Taft	1.00	48	Engraving
27	Woodrow Wilson	1.00	48	Engraving
28	Warren G. Harding	1.00	48	Engraving
29	Calvin Coolidge	1.00	48	Engraving
30	Herbert Hoover	1.00	48	Engraving
31	Franklin D. Roosevelt	1.00	48	Engraving

1936 List

27	Woodrow Wilson.....	1.00	48	Morgan.
28	Warren G. Harding.....	1.00	48	Do.
29	Calvin Coolidge.....	1.00	48	Do.
30	Herbert Hoover.....	1.00	48	Sinnoek.
31	Franklin D. Roosevelt.....	1.00	48	Do.

1936 List – Close up



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## Franklin D. Roosevelt Bronze Medal 3 Inch

PHILADELPHIA (P)

**\$39.95**

Qty:

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- Commemorates Franklin D. Roosevelt's presidency
- Great for students and history enthusiasts
- Measures 3 inches in diameter

Item Number: 131

Mintage Limit: None  
Product Limit: None  
Household Order Limit: None

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Pattern (?) 1933 obv





1<sup>st</sup> Term, 1<sup>st</sup> Obv (1934), 1<sup>st</sup> Rev





Comparison





### Designs Roosevelt Medal



The Philadelphia mint began striking off the first presidential medals depicting President Roosevelt. **John R. Sinnock**, engraver of the mint, is shown above working on the model of the medallion, while A. Raymond Raft, superintendent, looks on. The medal, shown below, bears a likeness of the President and his name on one side and the presidential seal and the chief executive's inauguration date on the reverse. The medals are cast in bronze. (Associated Press Photos).

## 500 Bronze Medallions Of Roosevelt Likeness Being Cast at U. S. Mint

PHILADELPHIA, March 19—(AP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt's likeness—barred from stamps and coins during his lifetime—is being cast on 500 bronze medallions at the United States mint in Philadelphia.

The medals are the latest in a series portraying the chief executive of the nation.

Bearing the number "1," the first of the Roosevelt medallions will be presented to the president. The next five, also numbered, go to the director of the mint for distribution. Official distribution will take the entire 500 but after that many more will be struck off for public sale.

Three inches in diameter, the medallions bear a likeness of Mr. Roosevelt and his name on one side, with the presidential seal and the inauguration date on the other side.

**John R. Sinnock**, engraver at the mint, is the designer.





1<sup>st</sup> Term, 1<sup>st</sup> Obv (1934) with ©, 1<sup>st</sup> Rev





© Close Up





1<sup>st</sup> Term, 2<sup>nd</sup> Obv (1936) with © and JRS, 1<sup>st</sup> Rev



© and J.R.S. Close Up





1<sup>st</sup> Term, 2<sup>nd</sup> Obv (1936), 2<sup>nd</sup> Rev





2<sup>nd</sup> Term, 2<sup>nd</sup> Obv (1936), 3<sup>rd</sup> Rev





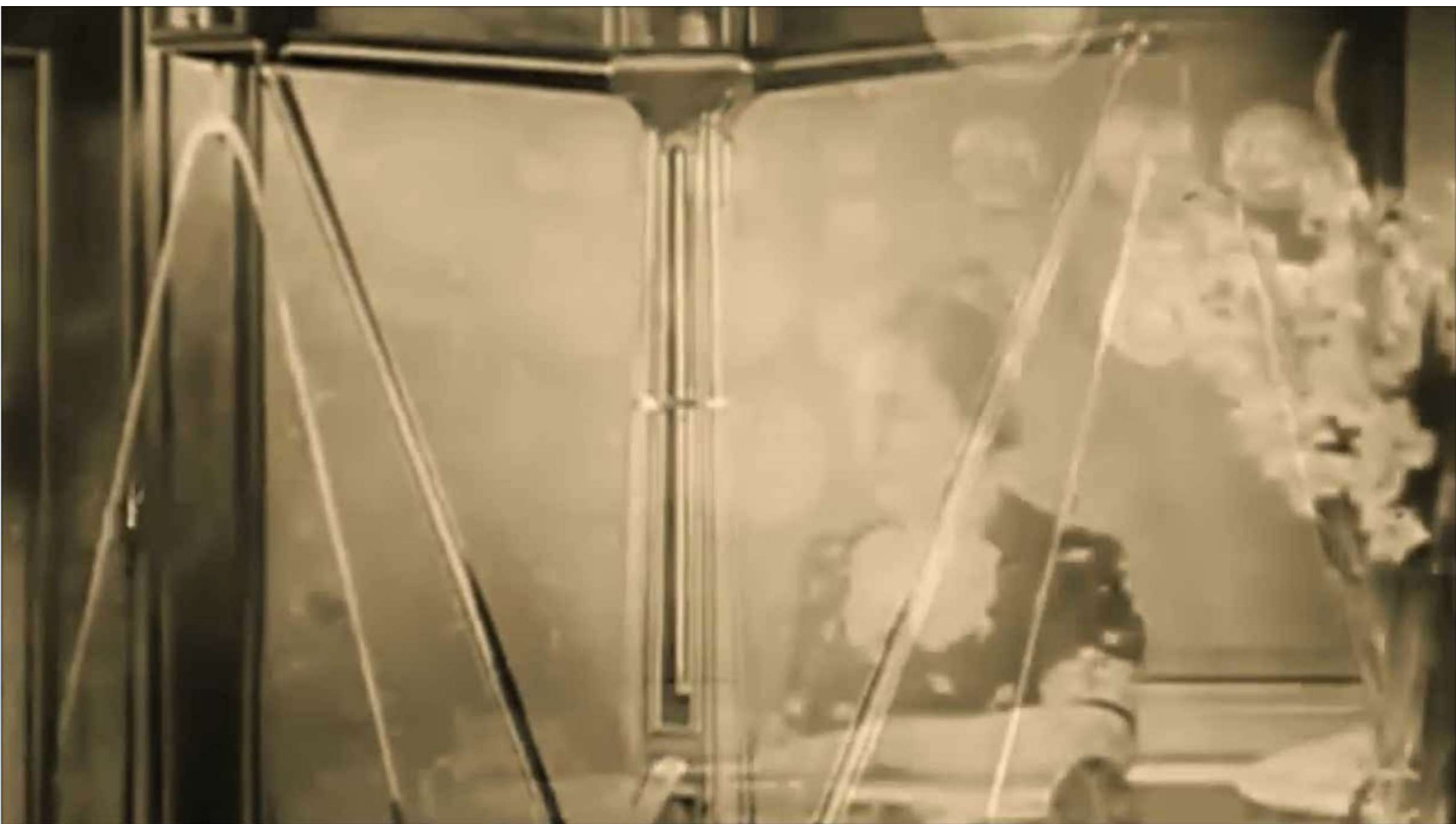
3<sup>rd</sup> Term, 2<sup>nd</sup> Obv (1936), 4<sup>th</sup> Rev





4<sup>th</sup> Term, 2<sup>nd</sup> Obv (1936), 5<sup>th</sup> Rev









# Guarding the Coinage:

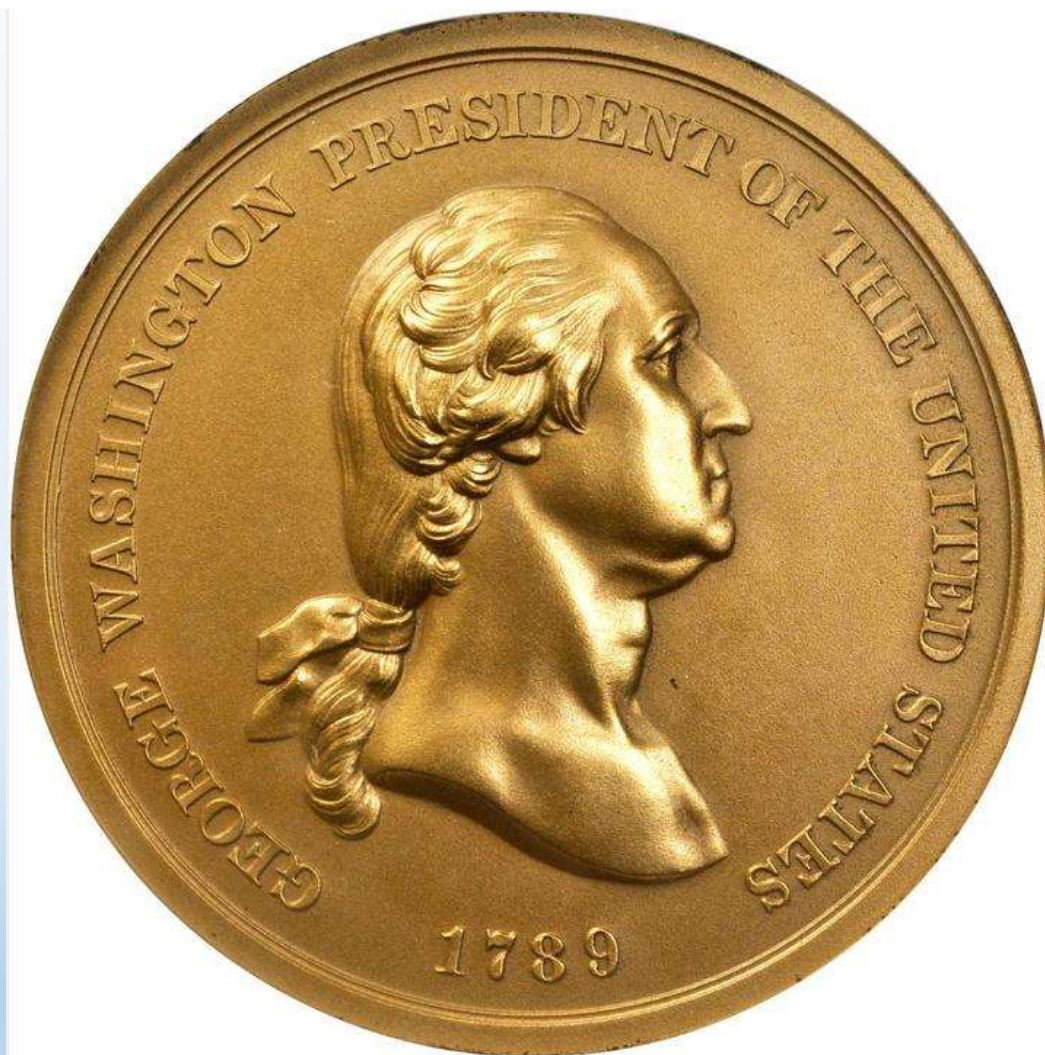
Assay  
Commission  
Medals





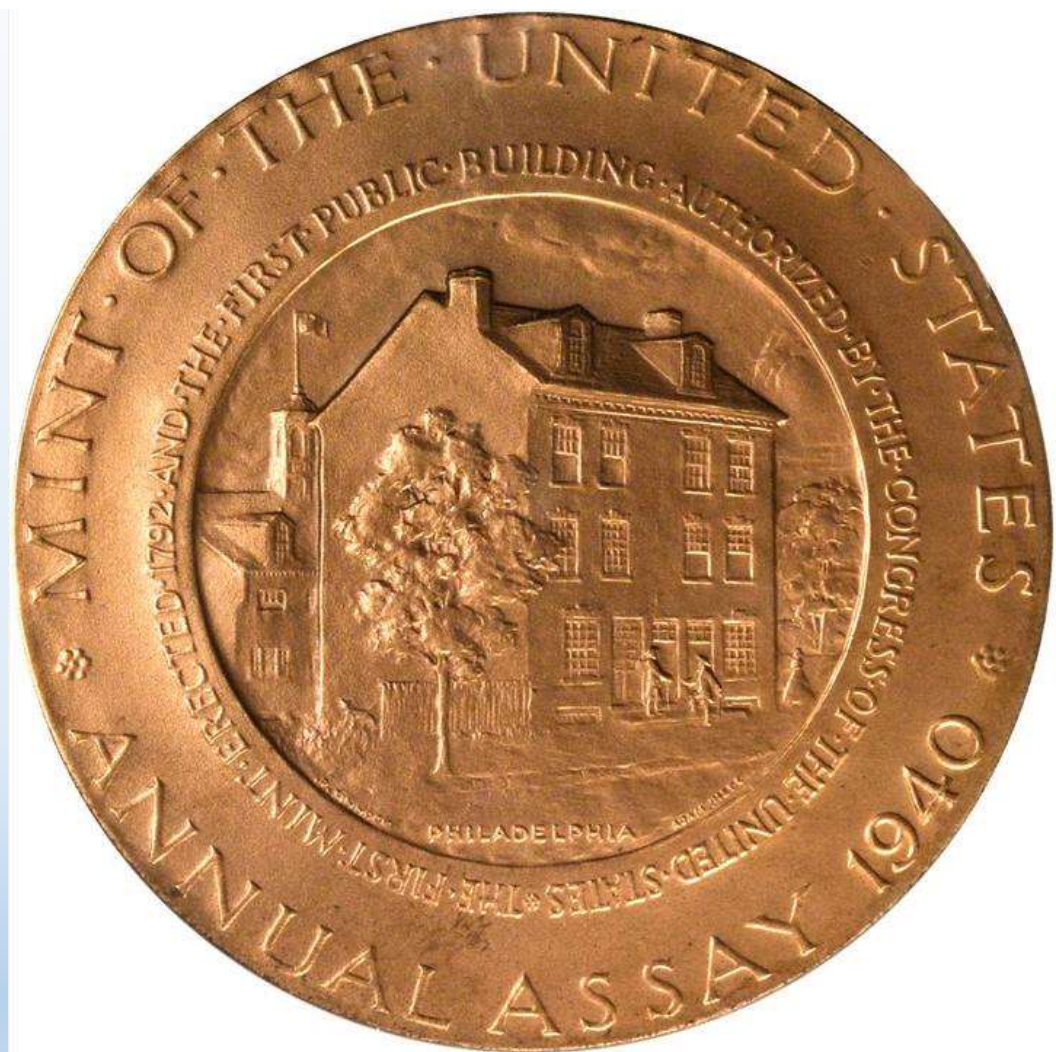
Assay Medal 1935





Assay Medal 1936





Assay Medal 1940





Assay Medal 1942



# A Trip to the Mint:

## Philadelphia Mint Visitor's Medal







Mint Visit 1934





Mint Visit 1936





Mint Visit 1937





Mint Visit 1938





Mint Visit undated





Mint Visit Memorial



**FDR**  
**Remembered:**  
The Memorial  
Medal





"All the News  
That's Fit to Print"

# The New York Times.

LATE CITY EDITION

Clearing and warm today.  
Fair, continued warm tomorrow.  
Temperatures Yesterday—Max, 74; Min, 54  
Barometer today, 30.11 A. M.; Barometer, 7.11 P. M.

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THREE CENTS IN NEW YORK CITY

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IS DEAD; TRUMAN TO CONTINUE POLICIES; 9TH CROSSES ELBE, NEARS BERLIN

### U. S. AND RED ARMIES DRIVE TO MEET

Americans Across the Elbe in Strength  
Race Toward Russians Who Have  
Opened Offensive From Oder

### WEIMAR TAKEN, RUHR POCKET SLASHED

Third Army Reported 19 Miles From Czechoslovak  
Border—British Drive Deeper in the North,  
Seizing Celle—Canadians Freeing Holland

By DREW MIDDLETON

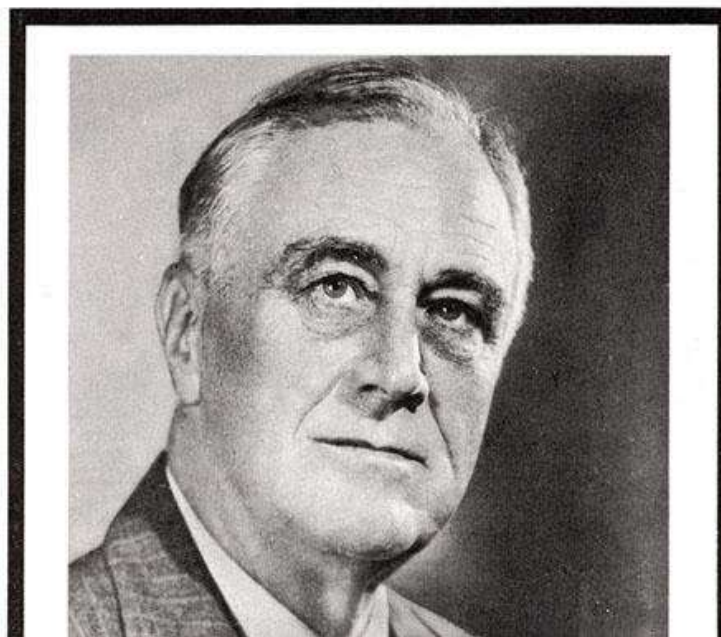
By Special to The New York Times

PARIS, April 12—Thousands of tanks and a half million doughboys of the United States First, Third and Ninth Armies are racing through the heart of the Reich on a front of 150 miles, threatening Berlin, Leipzig and the last citadels of the Nazi power.

The Second Armored Division of the Ninth Army has crossed the Elbe River in force and is striking eastward toward Berlin, whose outskirts lie less than sixty miles to the east, according to reports from the front. [A report quoted by The United Press placed the Americans less than fifty miles from the capital.] Beyond Berlin the First White Russian Army has crossed the Oder on a wide front and a junction between the western and eastern Allies is not far off.

[The Moscow radio reported that heavy battles were raging in the area of the Oder before the Americans crossed.]

### OUR OKINAWA GUNS



### END COMES SUDDENLY AT WARM SPRINGS

Even His Family Unaware of Condition  
as Cerebral Stroke Brings Death  
to Nation's Leader at 63

### ALL CABINET MEMBERS TO KEEP POSTS

Funeral to Be at White House Tomorrow,  
With Burial at Hyde Park Home—  
Impact of News Tremendous

By ARTHUR KROCK

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, April 12—Franklin Delano Roosevelt, War President of the United States and the only Chief Executive in history who was chosen for more than two terms, died suddenly and unexpectedly at 4:35 P. M. today at Warm Springs, Ga., and the White House announced his death at 5:48 o'clock. He was 63.

The President, stricken by a cerebral hemorrhage, passed from unconsciousness to death on the eighty-third day of his fourth term and in an hour of high triumph. The armies and fleets under his direction as Commander in Chief were at the gates of Berlin and the shores of Japan's home islands as Mr. Roosevelt died, and the cause he represented and led was nearing the conclusive phase of success.

### TRUMAN IS SWORN

Less than two hours after the official announcement, Harry S.



### FDR Memorial



Pictured above is the new Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Medal, now for sale through the Treasury Department. Designed by Chief Engraver John R. Sinnock, it is three inches in diameter with a portrait of the late President on one side. On the other side is a female figure, sitting with head bowed, symbolizing a sorrowing nation.





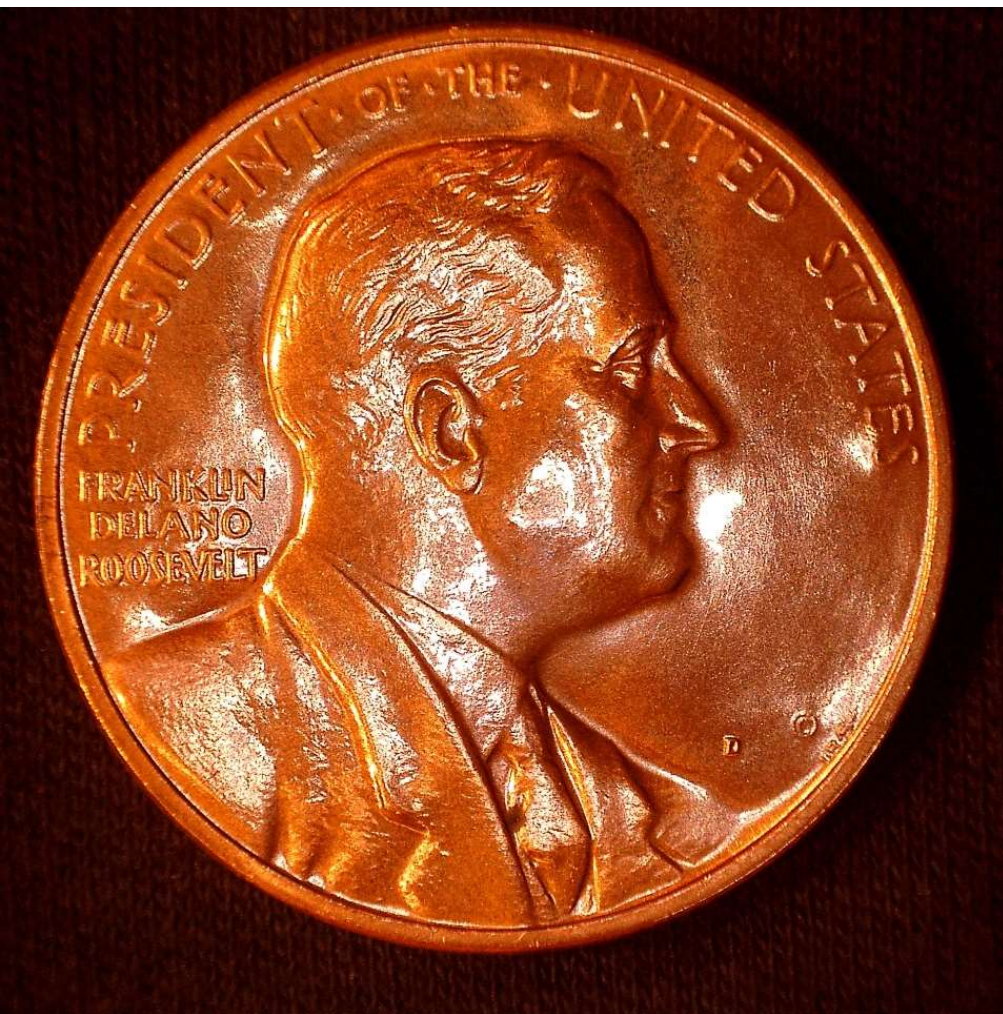
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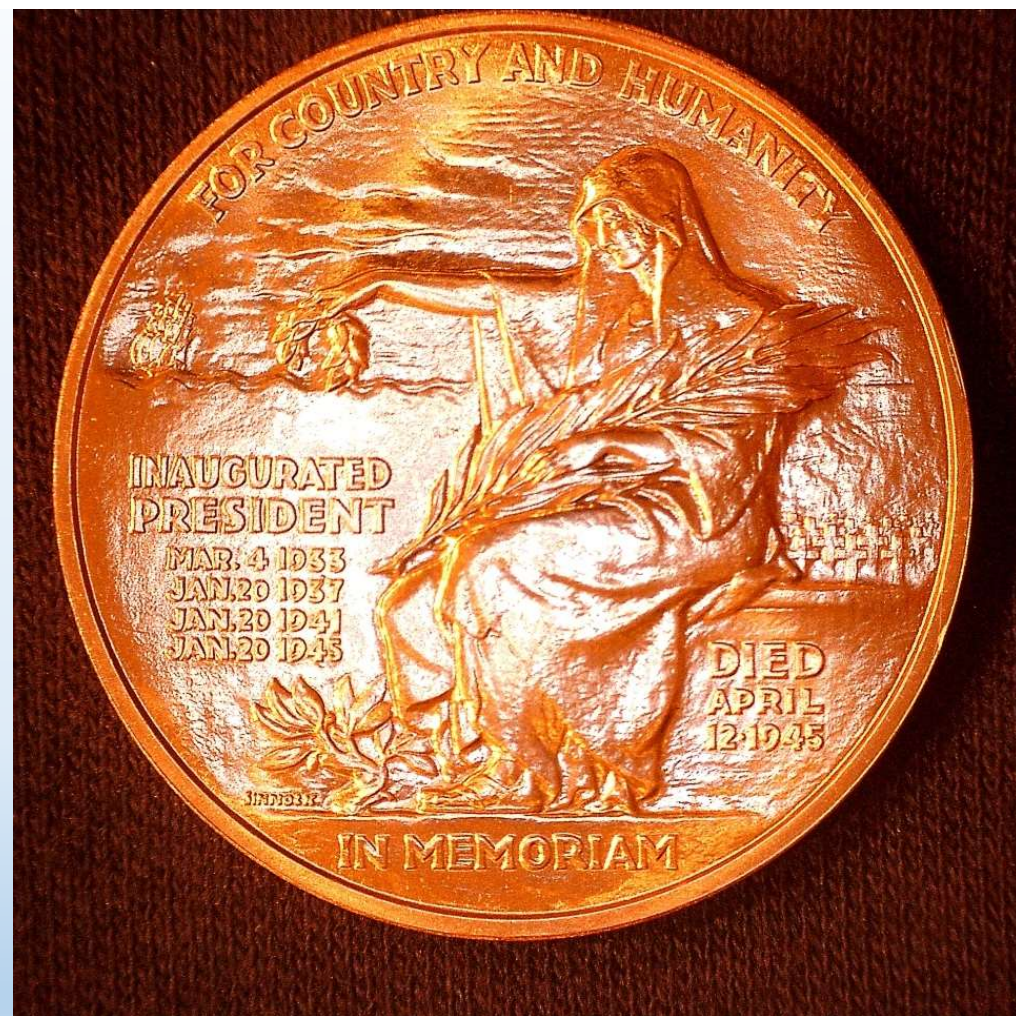
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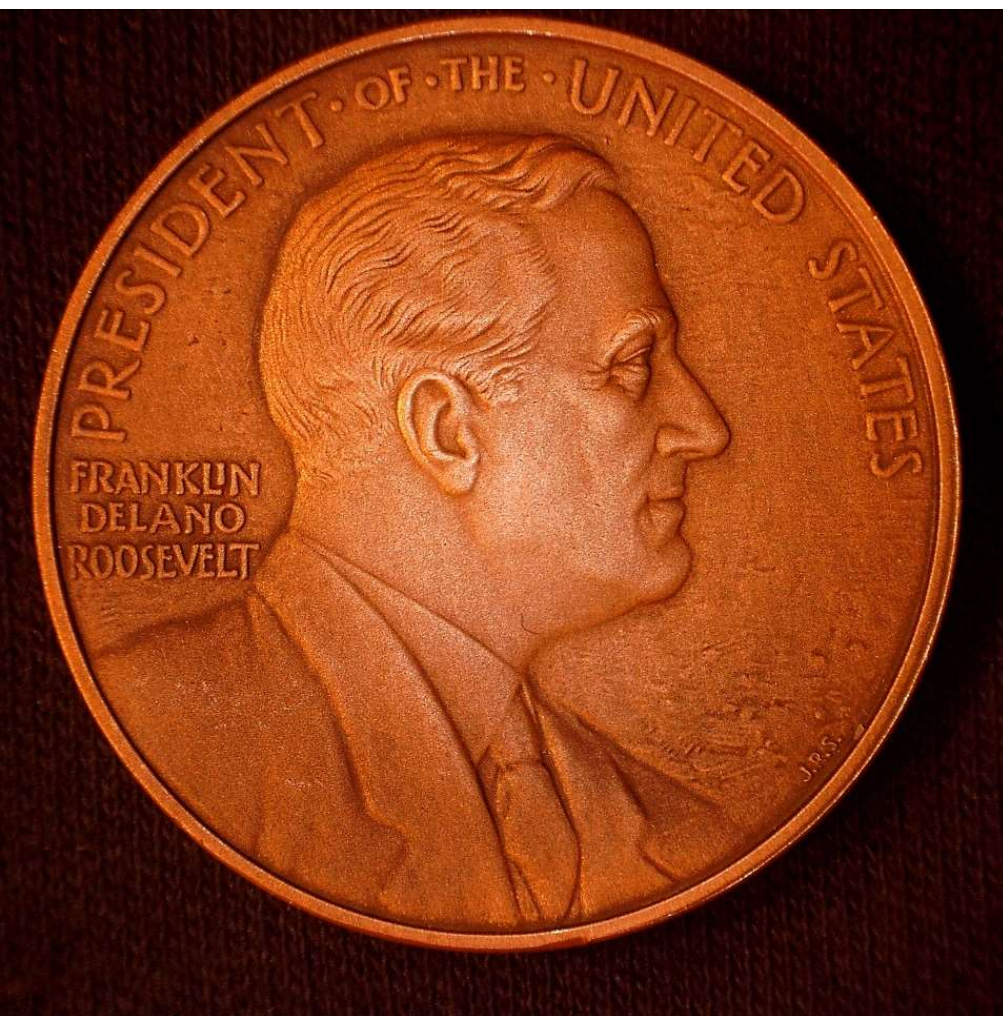
Memorial, 2<sup>nd</sup> Obv (1936), Memorial Rev – miniature 1970's





Memorial, 2<sup>nd</sup> Obv (1936), Memorial Rev – miniature 2018





Memorial, 2<sup>nd</sup> Obv (1936), Memorial Rev – C & C set, 2014





Memorial, 2<sup>nd</sup> Obv (1936), Memorial Rev – C & C silver 2014





# Summing Up:

## The Medals And The President









Thank You!